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~~44~~ (new) The method of Claim 43 wherein the host cell constitutively expresses the polymerase proteins.

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~~45~~ (new) A chimeric virus rescued from the method of Claim ⁴²~~45~~---

REMARKS

The above-identified application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/106,377, filed June 29, 1998, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 08/252,508, filed June 1, 1994 which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 07/527,237, filed May 22, 1990, now U.S. Patent No. 5,166,057, issued November 24, 1992, all of which are incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Claim 1 was pending in the above-identified application. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice to the Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter in related applications and have been replaced with new Claims 36-45. Briefly, new Claims 36-45 are drawn to chimeric viruses and methods of producing chimeric viruses comprising culturing host cells transfected with plasmid DNAs which contain the polymerase binding site of a negative strand RNA virus operatively linked to a heterologous nucleotide sequence and plasmid DNAs which contain nucleotide sequences which encode the RNA polymerase proteins. New Claims 36-45 are also drawn to methods of producing chimeric viruses comprising transfecting host cells which express negative strand RNA virus polymerase proteins with plasmid cDNAs which encode heterologous nucleotide sequences operatively linked to binding sites for viral RNA polymerase proteins, culturing the transfected cells and recovering chimeric virus. The claims are fully supported by the specification of parent application Serial No. 07/527,237, now U.S. Patent No. 5,166,057, as originally filed and do not constitute new matter. For an example of support for new Claims 36 to 45 in the parent

application, the Examiner's attention is invited to page 24, lines 1 to 16 of the instant specification of application 07/527,237.

Entry of the foregoing amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

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